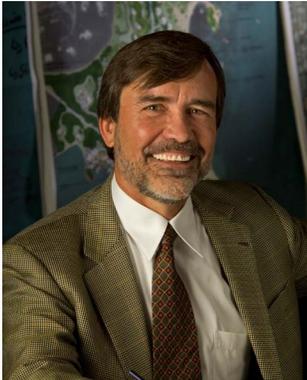


# COUNCIL OF FELLOWS NEWSLETTER

Winter 2016



Greetings Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects!

I'm happy to share the latest news of the *Council* with you. The Fellows Executive Committee is currently in the process of reviewing and selecting our three scholarship winners for 2016. This process always reminds us of how many deserving students are out there with great financial need and wonderful aspirations. Please review our scholarship contribution information in this newsletter, and respond with a pledge if you are able. It is not too early to make sure that you save the date for the **2016 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, October 21-24**. Registration information will be sent out in early May. We look forward to seeing you all there. Also a reminder that **World Landscape Architecture Month** is April. Please click the image

to the right to join the celebration and learn about how you can participate.



## SELECTION OF THE 2016 CLASS OF FELLOWS

This year, ASLA received 77 nominations from 27 chapters and the Council of Fellows Executive Committee. The Council of Fellows Jury will meet March 10-11 to make final selections. Notifications to candidates and chapters will go out in the few weeks following the jury's meeting. The 2016 Class will be recognized at the annual investiture dinner on Sunday, October 23, in New Orleans. Please save the date for the dinner and plan to attend the annual business on Monday morning, October 24.



*The 2015 Class of Fellows, Chicago*

## FELLOWS BUSINESS MEETING



The Council of Fellows held its annual business meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015, during the ASLA annual meeting in Chicago. At the meeting, Chair Susan Jacobson, FASLA, presented certificates to the 2015 COF scholarship recipients. In addition to introducing the students, we recognized the new class of Fellows, acknowledged departed Fellows, increased the amount of COF scholarship stipends, swore in new officers, and received a summary of ASLA public relations initiatives.

*2015 COF Scholarship recipients Abdias Dalisma, Kelsey Steward, and Rachel SantaOlalla, with COF Chair Susan L.B. Jacobson*

## SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS AND PLEDGING

At the business meeting in Chicago, the Council voted to increase the scholarship stipend amount for each the three scholarships from \$4,000 to \$5,000. In addition to receiving \$5,000, each recipient receives a one-year student ASLA membership, general registration fees for the ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO, and a travel stipend to attend the meeting. We have heard from previous students that the opportunity to meet and network with professionals at the annual meeting is an incredibly valuable piece of the award.

The COF scholarship fund was established by the ASLA Council of Fellows in 2004 to: 1) aid outstanding students who would not otherwise have an opportunity to continue a professional degree program due to unmet financial need; 2) increase the interest and participation of economically disadvantaged and under-represented populations in the study of landscape architecture; and 3) enrich the profession of landscape architecture through a more diverse population.

Please pledge so that we can continue to offer this invaluable resource to the future practitioners of the profession! You may make multi-year pledges by using this [form](#) or perhaps you would be interested in leaving a planned gift to the [Fellows Endowment Fund](#).

## CALL FOR HONORS AND AWARDS NOMINATIONS IS OPEN!

*Deadline is Friday, March 25.*

The call for nominations for ASLA 2016 honors remains open, including honorary membership, the medals, the Landscape Architecture Firm Award, and the Community Service Award. These prestigious awards recognize individuals and organizations for their lifetime achievements and notable contributions to the profession of landscape architecture. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, March 25, 2016**. The honors include:

[The ASLA Medal](#)

[The ASLA Design Medal](#)

[The Community Service Award](#)

[The Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal](#)

[The LaGasse Medals](#)

[The Landscape Architecture Firm Award](#)

[The Landscape Architecture Medal of Excellence](#)

[The Olmsted Medal](#)

[Honorary ASLA Membership](#) recognizes persons other than landscape architects whose achievements of national or international significance or influence have provided notable service to the profession of landscape architecture.

Any ASLA professional member or ASLA chapter may submit nominations for ASLA honors, and the process is very simple. Nominations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and forwarded with recommendation to the Board of Trustees for action at the Midyear Meeting in May.

For questions about the nomination process for ASLA honors, please contact Carolyn Mitchell, ASLA Honors and Awards coordinator, at 202-216-2331 or [cmitchell@asla.org](mailto:cmitchell@asla.org).

## FIFTH PUBLIC AWARENESS SUMMIT ATTENDED BY MARQ TRUSCOTT, FASLA

I attended the fifth annual public awareness summit, along with representatives from all of ASLA's 49 chapters, in January. Convening in Charleston, South Carolina, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss public awareness opportunities and tactics for 2016, as well as arm summit attendees with skills and resources to help raise the level of awareness of the profession within their states and regions.



Chris Sanders, ASLA, reports out at the ASLA Public Awareness Summit, Charleston, South Carolina.

National staff presentations included results of the ASLA public awareness campaign to date, the basics of public relations, ASLA's involvement with D.C.'s Adopt-a-School program, and how chapters can use social media to leverage awareness.

Four attendees discussed case studies of successful public awareness efforts as well.

Lisa DuRussel, ASLA (New York), discussed Sketch Out/Loud, a collaboration between the New York and New Jersey Chapters and Urban

Sketcher; Lucas Vannice, Associate ASLA (Washington), reported the results of his chapter's organization of PARK(ing) Day in Seattle and provided tips on working with a city's Department of Transportation. Audra Lofton, Affiliate ASLA (Georgia), shared her experiences working with University of Georgia students to create successful PARK(ing) Day installations; Matthew Wilkins, Associate ASLA (San Diego), detailed the redesign process of their chapter's website.

As Fellows of the Society we can assist in a number of ways. My ideas include:

- Hosting a sketching 'meet-up'
- Hosting a project tour
- Help organize a chapter speaker's bureau
- Write an article for your chapter newsletter, covering these two questions – Why landscape architecture? What does it mean to me?
- Sponsor a student's admittance to a professional event, state conference, or annual meeting.

What do you think? Feel free to send me your ideas at [marq.truscott@gmail.com](mailto:marq.truscott@gmail.com).

## RECOGNITION OF DECEASED FELLOWS

It has been our custom to acknowledge all Fellows who have passed away from the time of the last annual meeting, which was November 2015. To help us compile an accurate and complete list, I would be grateful if you would send the names of any Fellows you know who have passed away since that time to [Curt Millay](#) at ASLA. We are sorry to report since that time the death of [Laurence Zuelke](#).

As always, we welcome any comments or questions that you may have regarding the Council of Fellows and hope that you will join us in New Orleans.

All the best,

Kurt Culbertson, FASLA  
Chair  
ASLA Council of Fellows